

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010  
TIME: 5:15 P.M.  
LOCATION: CITY HALL  
MCCLOSKEY CONFERENCE ROOM  
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401  
(812) 349-2020

CALL TO ORDER  
5:16 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Jim Tolen  
John Arnold  
Steve Akers  
Tim Frazier  
Kyla Cox  
Ron Howard  
Jeff Roll  
Jackie Bauer, Sustainability Director, City of Bloomington  
Larry D. Barker, Executive Director, Monroe County Solid Waste Management

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dogan moved to approve the minutes, Frazier seconded.

MRF UPDATE

Barker said that everyone can view the Strategic Development Group report on CATS. The study proved that a MRF would be beneficial for this community. SDG will take six weeks to evaluate if a MRF would be sustainable. Barker said that there is a mini MRF in Brown County, one in Spencer, Greene County, Martin County, Bartholomew County, and the City of Seymour. SDG visited these MRFs to see how they operated. The details from the study helped narrow down the prospective MRF facility to the Otis property. Barker said it is a brown fill lot with ample parking and storage. It has 60,000-foot space. SDG contracted with Garmin to determine retrofit cost. They looked at sealing floor, putting in some electrical connections, increase the size of the BUS and partitioning it off since the MRF only requires 60,000 sq ft. The report shows that it costs the district about \$250,000 to transport and process recyclables, and \$118,000 for the City of Bloomington to do the same. STG showed that the recyclables are already collected, and Barker said now the question is how can you get the most value out of what you've collected. Barker said the question is whether it is best to send them out of the community, or process them yourself in order to lower carbon footprint and create jobs. Barker said that sometime in July, the MRF plan will go before the MCSWMD board. Akers asked if the rural sites and central station recyclables would be funneled to the MRF, and Barker said yes. Akers clarified that the City and IU are not yet on board as partners. Barker said both the City and IU have to come to the realization as to whether the MRF is cost effective for them.

Tolen asked if an abandoned business itself make a lot a brown field. Barker said he believes that prior to Otis being there, it was a brown field area. Tolen asked if there are zoning issues. Barker said it is industrial general, so it meets the zoning requirement. Akers said a lot of the materials that come to the rural site are already sorted; if it comes from the City or IU, it will be single stream. Barker said the City is dual stream: fiber and comingled, glass, aluminum, plastic, and metal. Barker said anytime you place the most abrasive material, glass, with other commodities, you contaminate the value of the material. Barker said he has made calls about fiber, and they say glass is very harmful. Howard said Barker hit the nail on the head, that it is not a good fit for single stream if you are trying to make a profit. Roll agreed. Barker said when glass goes to the landfill, it stays forever and ever, and it creates a pocket of trapped air. Barker said MCSWMD was fortunate that they could work out a deal with Hoosier and Strategic to get some money for the glass, which is a win for the community. Akers asked what the solution will be if the City becomes a partner and they have to deliver all the material and the glass is mixed in. Barker said that is an

issue the City has to wrestle with. Barker said he has found a company that will accept the City's single stream that has the equipment to sort out everything from the glass. Without the glass, it is a clean stream. Akers clarified that the MRF will not have the more sophisticated equipment that does sort, and Barker said he would like to start with the basic MRF model. Tolen asked if existing staff would be reallocated. Barker said it is not going to require the hiring of all new staff, there will be some reallocations: three individuals who work for Green Business and four who sort items at the district. Barker said it may take two or three more staff. Tolen asked if the the district would own their own bailers. Akers said that Hoosier leases bailers. Barker said that the question about the bailer was brought up. Patrick O'Neil said that Martin Co. is using one of Monroe County's old bailers, which would have to be 15 years old or older.

Bauer asked if there is a clear plan to bring to the City. Barker said Volen and SDG will bring this plan to City Council. Bauer said it might be a good idea to have a separate briefing for Public works and Sanitation. Barker said there have been three summits already and the City has been involved. Bauer asked if they have been delivered, and Barker said yes, Volen and Kruzan have them. Akers said the Herald-Times Online has all of the figures. Tolen said he thought it was a plus that Volen was 90 percent in favor of it. Akers asked what happens to the South Walnut site if the MRF comes online in January of 2011. Barkers said it will remain open. The only change is where the materials are delivered for processing. Frazier asked if it is contingent on IU and the City participating. Barker said that 18 months ago, a plan was based on the district. At one of the summits, the experts said if you don't have 40 to 60,000 you don't have enough. Tolen asked if the transport of S. Walnut to Otis is a contract with someone else. Barker said it is just changing the location that the truck is going to. Barker said several years ago, the district had its own trucks and drivers. Akers asked if July 8 will be the next vote from the board and Barker said they are hoping. Tolen asked if County Council has to make a vote on the MRF, and Barker said no, he didn't think so; there is one member on the board. Bauer asked if there is any external grant funding available, and Barker said it was taken by the City and there was nothing left. Tolen thanked Barker for summarizing.

#### INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Akers said IU continues to prepare for Hoosier-to-Hoosier Sale. Bauer is the co-chair. The sale will take place on Saturday, August 21. In July, there will be volunteer opportunities to sort and price. The first big sort will be this Saturday, June 26, from 12-4 at the NW corner of the football stadium. Barker asked if there were enough bailers and gaylords, and Akers said yes, but gaylords got wet. Barker suggested they wrap the gaylords with shrinkwrap. Akers said it would be a long process of preparation.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Recycling survey

Akers said we are to the point where Kevin has a lot of feedback, now we need to determine what the form will look like and how we will distribute. The Board of Directors is very interested and wants to know when we'll get the data back. Akers said that will be something CAC will work on by e-mail, hopefully by July. Frazier said the Chamber is excited and ready to distribute, and Cox said the BIRA would likely get it out quickly.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Akers announced that there are membership openings on CAC and interested persons should contact him. Fall Bulky Item Days will be October 8 and 9.

This Saturday, June 26, the next CAC Adopt-a-Road pick up will take place from 9-11 a.m. Roll, Frazier, and Akers will clean, and Arnold will also help. The group will meet at S. Kroger parking lot, right by Wendy's. Akers said he would pick up vests and signs from the MCSWMD.

#### FUTURE DATES

Akers said that if the road is not too bad this Saturday, three pick-ups will be fine. Akers suggested the third week of October for next Adopt-a-Road. The sign is being made and will be ready on Friday and will be posted by July 1. It will say "Citizens Advisory Committee, Waste District."

Barker said that Electronic Recycling International is the new provider and the rates have changed

dramatically. It is only a \$1 for electronic disposal, no matter what size the item is. One 12-ton shipment has gone out, and the district has far exceeded last year's numbers. Akers said that some electronics have been dropped off that people have found improperly disposed. Akers pulled a monitor that was sitting next to the dumpster to bring in. Barker said that the Monroe County Fair is coming up and the Extension Office has moved to 3400 S. Walnut. Barker told the CAC and CATS audience to come on down to the district location for extensions services there.

ADJOURNED

5:59 p.m.